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EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS For ALLOWANCE

- 1. Claims 2-5, 7-12, and 18 are allowed.
- 2. Claims 1, 6, and 13-17 are cancelled.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of records fails to disclose or render an obviousness of a FIR filter device including a logic block for receiving and producing a transfer function output including a combinational-sequential logic block and a sequential logic block including a plurality of serial subtractor or adder elements wherein each sequential subtractor or adder element includes a carry-out pin fed to an input of one of the sequential subtractor or adder elements of a previous one of the combinational logic blocks as cited in independent claims 7, 8, and 18.

The closest found prior art is Saramaki et al. (U.S. 6,370,556). Saramaki et al. disclose a method and apparatus transposed digital FIR filter for multiplying a binary input signal with tap coefficients comprising logic block for receiving and producing a transfer function output. However, Saramaki et al. fail to disclose the logic block including a plurality of serial subtractor or adder elements wherein each sequential subtractor or adder element includes a carry-out pin fed to an input of one of the sequential subtractor or adder elements of a previous one of the combinational logic blocks as cited above.

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